

Andrew Robinson

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Education

- 2025 (expected) **University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA**
Doctor of Musical Arts, Choral Conducting and Pedagogy
Secondary Area: Music Theory
Conducting: Timothy Stalter
- 2011 **Oberlin College Conservatory of Music, Oberlin, OH**
Master of Music Teaching, Choral/Vocal Music Education
Conducting: Jody Kerchner
- 2010 **Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, IN**
Bachelor of Arts *summa cum laude*, Vocal Performance
Christ College (Honors College) Scholar
Conducting: Christopher Cock, Jeffrey Doebler, Dennis Friesen-Carper
Voice: Ralph Klapis

Teaching

- Starting Jan 2024 **Instructor of Record, Choral Conducting and Literature**
University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA
Instructor of Record for undergraduate choral conducting and literature class
Single semester
Second conducting class for choral music education majors
- Jan 2023-Present **Teaching Assistant**
University of Iowa
Assistant Conductor for Kantorei, university's flagship SATB choral ensemble
Lead sectionals, rehearsals
Perform administrative duties as assigned
Larry G. and Ann Howard Jones Vocal Ensemble Residency
TA Coordinator: Aug 2023-Present
Head Choral Librarian: Aug 2023-Present
Social Media Chair: Jan-May 2023
Conducted University Choir, upper-level SATB ensemble, for recital: May 2023
- 2022-Present **Private Voice Teacher**
Liberty High School, North Liberty, IA
- 2020-Present **Owner/Instructor**
AR Voice Studio
Teach in-person, virtual voice lessons
- Aug 2023 **Iowa All-State Choir Camp Assistant**
University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA
Led full group of high school students (approx. 50) on "Ama Namin" (Fidel Calalang)
Led sectionals, sang with students
- 2021-2022 **Long-Term Elementary Music Substitute**
MacArthur Elementary School, Cedar Lake, IN
Taught K-5th music using *First Steps in Music*, *Conversational Solfège* curricula

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June-Dec 2021

Adjunct Instructor in Music, Sabbatical Replacement

Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, IN

Directed Valparaiso University Chorale in rehearsals, church services, concerts

2020-2021

Online Elementary General Music Teacher

EDGE Online Learning Academy, Salem-Keizer Public Schools, Salem, OR

Taught online 3rd-5th Grade general music remotely

Provided two synchronous lessons, one asynchronous lesson per grade per week

Aug-Sep 2020

Long-Term Elementary Music Substitute

Winfield Elementary School, Crown Point, IN

Taught K-2nd Grade general music utilizing *First Steps in Music* curriculum

2016-2020

Choir Director

Munster High School, Munster, IN

Directed four curricular choirs, two extracurricular choirs

Taught class piano

Music Director, Pit Orchestra Conductor for Munster Theatre Company

Executed 25-30 performances per year

Led regional All-State Choir preparation rehearsals: 2016-2018

Teacher Evaluation Committee member: 2017-2018

2016-2018

Co-Director, Treble Makers

Munster, IN

Co-Director of 4th-6th Grade extracurricular honors choir, comprised of School Town of Munster elementary and middle school students

Accompanied, directed music during performances (2 per year)

2014-2016

Music Teacher

Kingsbury Elementary and Riley Elementary, La Porte, IN

Taught K-5th Grade general music

Planned, executed two holiday programs each year, involving 300-400 students

2014-2016

Assistant Director, Extracurricular Ensembles

Crown Point High School, Crown Point, IN

Ran weekly extracurricular ensemble rehearsals (tenor/bass ensemble for two years, treble ensemble and show choir for half of one year)

Arranged music for ensembles

2013-2014

Vocal Music Director

North Union High School, Armstrong, IA

Directed Concert Choir, Show Choir

Taught Music Theory, Music Appreciation, individual/small-group voice lessons

Co-taught Drama I and II

Director, Music Director for fall musical

2012-2013

Music Teacher/Choir Director

Lucia Wallace Elementary and Algona Middle School, Algona, IA

Taught 3rd-6th Grade general music

Directed 6th Grade Choir, 7th/8th Grade Choir, extracurricular Jazz Choir

Executed five programs/concerts

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2011-2012

Voice Instructor

Avon Lake High School, Avon Lake, OH

Assisted Director with auditions, rehearsals, sectionals, administration, logistics
Taught, tutored Advanced Placement (A.P.) Music Theory

Professional Conducting

Aug 2023-Present

Assistant Conductor

Chamber Singers of Iowa City, Iowa City, IA

Lead ensemble August-December 2023, directing rehearsals and sectionals
Chorus Master for *War Requiem* (Benjamin Britten) performance with University of Iowa Choirs and Symphony Orchestra (Timothy Stalter, Conductor)
Will assist Conductor (David Puderbaugh) with rehearsals, sectionals February-May 2024, in preparation for *Elijah* (Felix Mendelssohn) performance

June 2023-Present

Founder, Director

Voix d'Été, Northwest Indiana

Founder, Director of volunteer, project-based choir, comprised of singers from Indiana, Illinois, Ohio, and Wisconsin
Select repertoire
Lead rehearsals
Conduct performances
Create, distribute marketing materials, concert programs

Aug-Oct 2023

Opera Chorus Director

University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA

Led music rehearsals for opera chorus in fall production (*L'amico Fritz*)

2020

Munster High School Chorale performance at Indiana Music Education Association (IMEA) Professional Development Conference, Fort Wayne
Selected by audition as one of three high school choirs

2018

Chorus Master

Symphony No. 5: Return to Middle Earth (Johan de Meij), *Valparaiso, IN*

Prepared 200-voice chorus for world premiere of major symphonic work, led by composer

2011

Chorus Master, Conductor

"Epoch" Mass (Jacob Market: Oberlin, 2012), *Oberlin College, Oberlin, OH*

Prepared 20-voice chorus for performance of new major work for composition student recital (SATB divisi chorus, organ)
Led chorus-only rehearsals, rehearsals with organist
Conducted premiere performance

Church Music

2021-2023

Music Director

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Chesterton, IN

Led two weekend services from piano, or recorded music as needed
Provided music for special services (Holy Week, midweek, weddings, funerals)
Directed vocal, handbell choirs

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- June-Dec 2017 **Interim Adult Choir Director, Adult Bell Choir Director, Co-Organist**
Christ Lutheran Church, Valparaiso, IN
Led worship from piano, organ approximately two Sundays per month
Led summer midweek worship services from piano
Directed Adult Choir, Adult Handbell Choir
- 2016-2017 **Director of Youth and Children's Music**
Christ Lutheran Church, Valparaiso, IN
Directed Children's Choir (2nd-6th Grade), Children's Bell Choir (2nd-6th Grade)
Accompanied youth instrumental musicians during worship services
Organized, executed Youth Music Sunday (all children's and youth ensembles participated in worship, youth instrumentalists accompanied hymns)
- 2012-2014 **Contemporary Music Director**
First Lutheran Church, Algona, IA
Led volunteer praise team rehearsals, bi-monthly Saturday services
- 2010-2012 **Music Director**
Wakeman Congregational Church, Wakeman, OH
Led worship from piano, organ
Directed vocal, handbell choirs
- 2010-2011 **Director, Celebration Bells**
First Church in Oberlin United Church of Christ, Oberlin, OH
Directed weekly rehearsals, worship service offerings

Other Music Experience

- 2016-2022 **Accompanist**
Various schools in Northwest Indiana
Accompanied students for Solo and Ensemble Contest
- 2014-2016 **Accompanist**
Willowcreek Middle School, Portage, IN
Accompanied three choirs for concerts, competitions
Accompanied students at Solo and Ensemble Contest
- 2010-2011 **Music Theory, Aural Skills Tutor**
Oberlin College Conservatory of Music, Oberlin, OH
Tutored students one-on-one in music theory, aural skills
- 2008-2010 **Department of Music Student Aide**
Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, IN
Tutored students one-on-one in music theory, aural skills
Graded music theory papers for Dr. John Bernthal (Theory I, II, III)

Select Conducting, Ensembles' Performance Experience

- 2023 Voix d'Été, debut performance, Chesterton, IN
- 2023 University of Iowa University Choir
DMA Recital 1

- 2021 Valparaiso University Chorale
A Festive Christmas Vespers – 2 programs
University President José Padilla’s inauguration
Homecoming Sunday worship service
Homecoming Concert
Three other worship services
- 2016-2020 Munster High School (MHS) Chorale: community performances throughout school year (holiday gatherings, National Anthem at sporting events, Commencement)
- 2020 MHS Chorale in Windy City Choral Festival, Orchestra Hall, Chicago
Conducted by Dr. Z. Randall Stroope
Selected as one of three choirs nationally
Selected as sole choir to perform 15-minute solo set at beginning of concert
Cancelled due to COVID-19 pandemic
- 2019 MHS Chorale in inaugural Northwest Indiana High School Choral Festival
- 2019 MHS Chorale in “Friendship Lasts Forever,” sponsored by the Confucius Institute of Valparaiso University, Orchestra Hall at Symphony Center, Chicago
- 2019 MHS Chorale collaborative concert with Northwest Indiana Youth Orchestra
- 2019 MHS Chorale in *The Music of Eric Whitacre*, Carnegie Hall, New York City
Conducted by Eric Whitacre
One of thirteen international choirs invited to participate
- 2018 MHS Chorale with Northwest Indiana Symphony Orchestra and Chorus in Holiday Pops concerts
- 2018 MHS Chorale and Intermediate Chorus: stage performance and vocal workshop at Disneyland, California
- 2014 North Union HS Concert Choir performance of National Anthem at Minnesota Twins baseball game
- 2010 Valparaiso University Advanced Handbell Choir performance at IMEA (IN) Professional Development Conference (Co-Director, ringer)

Professional Singing

- 2023-Present **Tenor**
Student Bach Chorus, University of Iowa
Member of sixteen-voice, student-led chamber choir
- 2022-Present **Baritone**
Vocal Artists of Iowa, Iowa City/Cedar Rapids, IA
Member of auditioned semi-professional choir
- 2022-Present **Tenor**
Chamber Singers of Iowa City, Iowa City, IA
Member of auditioned community choir

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2021-2022 **Professional Chorister**
The Bach Choir, Valparaiso, IN
Paid member of The Bach Choir of The Bach Institute at Valparaiso University
Assisted with tenor/bass sectionals

Jan-Mar 2021 **Paid Chorister**
Westminster Presbyterian Church, Munster, IN
Recorded tenor parts for virtual worship service hymns, choral anthems

Select Vocal, Choral Performance Experience

2024 (forthcoming) Chamber Singers of Iowa City (CSIC) performance of *Elijah* (Felix Mendelssohn)

2024 (forthcoming) Vocal Artists of Iowa performance at ACDA Midwestern Division Conference, Omaha, NE

2023 University of Iowa (UI) choral ensembles, Symphony Orchestra, and Chamber Singers of Iowa City performance of *War Requiem* (Benjamin Britten)

2023 Student Bach Chorus performance of *Mass in G* (Franz Schubert)

2023 CSIC performance of *Requiem* and *Dixit et Magnificat* (Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart)

2023 Vocal Artists of Iowa performance at Iowa Choral Directors Association Showcase, Cedar Rapids, IA

2023 Tenor soloist, *Dixit et Magnificat* K. 193 (Mozart), Chamber Singers of Iowa City
Tenor soloist, "Kyrie" from *Mass in G Minor* (Vaughan Williams), Kantorei
Tenor soloist, *Regina Coeli* K.276 (Mozart), UI Camerata
Tenor 2 soloist, *Mass* (Stravinsky), Kantorei

2022 UI choral ensembles and Symphony Orchestra performance of *Ein deutsches Requiem* (Johannes Brahms)

2022 UI Kantorei performance of *Symphony No. 1: All Rise* (Wynton Marsalis) with the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra, Hancher Auditorium, Iowa City, IA

2022 The Bach Choir performance of *Mass in B Minor*, Valparaiso, IN

2022 The Bach Choir performance at ACDA Midwestern Division Conference, Chicago, IL

2015 Bass soloist, *Messiah, Part 1*, Pickerington Community Chorus, Pickerington, OH; North Community Lutheran Church, Columbus, OH

2010 Bass soloist, *Messiah, Part 1*, Pickerington Community Chorus

2010 Senior Vocal Recital, Valparaiso University

Conducting Workshops, Masterclasses

Jan 2024 **Conducting Masterclass Participant**
(forthcoming) *Indiana Music Education Association Conference, Fort Wayne, IN*
Francis Cathlina, Director of Choral Activities, University of Memphis

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Choral Conducting Institute

University of Missouri-Kansas City (UMKC), Kansas City, MO

Jennaya Robison, Director, National Lutheran Choir

Ben Spalding, Director, Spire Chamber Ensemble

Internship

2009 Summer

Handbell Choir Intern

Lutheran Summer Music, Decorah, IA

Assisted with directing, ringing, administrative, logistic needs of two handbell choirs

Leadership

2017-Present

IMEA Indiana All State Handbell Choir

2018-Present **Chair**

Oversee logistics of All State Handbell Choir

Secure yearly Director

Work with IMEA to set up lodging, meals, audition portal

Collect audition materials from prospective members

Select ringers

Edit All State Handbell Choir Handbook

Communicate information to student participants, parents

Communicate information to Committee members; run meetings

Increased membership from 8 to 25 ringers

2017-2018

Founding Committee Member

Created first-of-its-kind (state or national) All State Handbell Choir

2023

Handbell Musicians of America, Area 5

Site Chair

Oversaw logistics for Spring Festival in South Bend, IN

Secured equipment for Festival usage (handbells, pads, etc.)

Planned, implemented configurations for 10 festival spaces

Led volunteer logistics crew

2017-2020

Indiana State School Music Association (ISSMA)

2017-2020 **District Vocal/Piano Solo and Ensemble Contest Host Director**

Ran site logistics

Ensured contest follows ISSMA rules

Answered rules questions from judges

Communicated information to participating directors

Worked with volunteer coordinators, student, parent volunteers

2019

J/M/E Organizational Contest Host Director – Choral Site

Ran site logistics

Ensured contest follows ISSMA rules

Uploaded judge's comments to online portal

2019

Northwest Indiana High School Choral Festival – Creator, Planner, Organizer

Created, organized non-competitive event for high school choirs

Worked with Valparaiso University to plan logistics, marketing

Communicated information to participating directors

Planned schedule

Secured mass choir guest director

Choral Ensemble Clinics

2022

Lake Central High School, Schererville, IN

2021 Benton Sr. High School, Fowler, IN

Stage Productions (Acting)

2017	<i>State Fair</i>	Highland Community Theatre, IN	Abel Frake
2009	<i>Cabaret</i>	Valparaiso University (VU), IN	Cliff Bradshaw
2009	<i>The Magic Flute</i> (English)	VU	Monostatos
2008	<i>The Importance of Being Earnest</i>	VU	John Worthing
2007	<i>Into the Woods</i>	VU	The Baker
2006	<i>Victory on Mrs. Dandywine's Island</i>	VU	Gardener

Stage Productions (Non-Acting)

2022	<i>Matilda</i>	Memorial Opera House, IN	Keyboard 1
2021	<i>Clue</i>	Lowell HS (LHS), IN	Pianist
2019	<i>The Addams Family</i>	Munster HS (MHS), IN	Music Director, Rehearsal Accompanist
2019	<i>Hairspray</i>	MHS	Music Director, Pit Conductor, Rehearsal Accompanist
2018	<i>Tarzan</i>	MHS	Music Director, Pit Conductor, Rehearsal Accompanist
2017	<i>The Pirates of Penzance</i> (1980 Revival)	MHS	Music Director, Pit Conductor, Rehearsal Accompanist
2016	<i>All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten</i>	MHS	Music Director, Co-Pianist
2016	<i>Big Fish</i>	LHS	Music Director, Pit Conductor
2014	<i>The Matchmaker</i>	LHS	Technical Director
2013	<i>110 in the Shade</i>	North Union HS, IA	Director, Music Director, Co-Stage Manager, Spotlight Operator
2012	<i>Beauty and the Beast</i>	Columbia HS, OH	Vocal Music Director, Keyboard 1

2008 Acting/Directing Showcase VU Stage Manager

Presentations

Jan 2024 "Starting a Handbell or Hand Chime Choir in Your School"
(forthcoming) *Indiana Music Education Association Professional Development Conference*

Honors, Awards

2022 *Marquis Who's Who in America* Inductee

2022 Composed theme song for "Doodles and Digits" math show for children
Multiple videos on YouTube channel; preparing for PBS broadcast

2021 Interfraternity Council Excellence in Teaching Award, Valparaiso University (VU)

2020 First Decade Achievement Award, Valparaiso University Alumni Association
One of two – recognizes professional contributions in first decade after graduation

2019 Finalist, Secondary Music Educator of the Year, Indiana Music Education Association

2019 Sigma Alpha Iota National Friend of the Arts inductee

2016-2019 Golden Apple Excellence in Teaching, Munster Education Foundation

2016 First Prize, Suspicious Cheese Lords Composition Contest (*Psalm 141*), Washington, DC

2010-2011 Conservatory Dean's Scholarship, Oberlin College (OC)

2010-2011 Herbert Henke Merit Scholarship in Music Education, OC

2010-2011 Scholarship for Graduate Study, Gamma Sigma Alpha
One of six nationally

2006-2010 Founder's Scholarship (full tuition) recipient, VU

2010 Pi Kappa Lambda music honor society inductee, VU

2010 Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia Collegiate Honor Award, VU

2010 Sigma Alpha Iota Outstanding Senior Award, VU

2010 Finalist, Fraternity Man of the Year Award, VU

2009 Order of Omega, Greek leadership honor society, VU

2009 Gamma Sigma Alpha, Greek academic honor society, VU

2009 Lumina Award, VU
Cumulative grade point average above 3.600 through junior year

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- 2008 Fraternity New Member of the Year Award recipient, VU
- 2007 Irene Ryan Acting Scholarship nominee, VU
 For performance in Into the Woods
- 2007 Alpha Lambda Delta, freshman academic honor society, VU

Organizational Memberships

American Choral Directors Association, Handbell Musicians of America, Indiana Choral Directors Association (ICDA), Indiana Music Education Association (IMEA), Iowa Music Education Association, International Federation for Choral Music, NAFME: The National Association for Music Education, National Collegiate Choral Organization, Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia

Licenses

Indiana Professional Educator License: PK-12 Choral/General/Instrumental Music

Skills

French horn (intermediate); tuba (basic); handbells (28 years ringing); voice (5 years lessons); piano (5 years lessons); organ (2 years lessons); Finale music writing software; French, German, Italian, English, Latin diction; basic knowledge of French language; Google Suite; marketing; fundraising; trained in and/or taught various music curricula (*Conversational Solfège, Dalcroze, First Steps in Music, Kodály, MusicplayOnline, Orff, SongWorks, Walden School Musicianship*)

Works Conducted, Prepared, Studied

Comprehensive list available upon request

References

Available upon request